State of Virginia

HELD FOR SNEAD'S MURDER.

Colored Man Charged With Killing King William Lumberman.

Richmond (Special), — Thomas Johnson, colored, charged with the murder of C. F. Snead, of King William County, was sent to the city jail from the Police Court to be held until the sheriff of King William arrives to take charge of him.

Snead, a prominent lumberman of King William and a leader of the Republican forces in Virginia, was murdered while on his way to pay off his employes near Etna Mills. He was found on the road a few minutes after the attack, with his pockets rifled. His head had been crushed in with some blunt instrument and he lay in a pool of his own blood. His horse, attached to the buggy, was found a little farther down the road, quite grazing. The was already extinct when the body was discovered.

Bloodhounds were brought to the place and thoroughbred set a trail which led to a house formerly occupied by Johnson. Johnson had already disappeared when the murder was discovered. He was not seen again until a week ago, when he was brought to this city charged with being a suspicious character. An officer from King William identified the negro as Johnson.

EX-CHAPLAIN ACQUITTED.

Larceny Charge Against Rev. H. W. Jones Fails To Ten Ground.

Norfolk (Special).—Rev. Harry W. Jones, former Chaplain United States Navy, dismissed by court-martial at the Norfolk Navy Yard last July on charges of "scandalous conduct, destructive to good morals" and failure to pay "just debts," was acquitted in the Corporation Court on the charge of grand larceny brought against him as the result of a check for $60 given A. J. B. Gammon, of the Citizens' Bank, which was returned marked "insufficient funds." Rev. Jones is now declared to be ready to prosecute his case against the Navy Department and the naval chaplains in particular for the alleged conspiracy to injure him. The writing of the details of the alleged corruption fund, raised by the chaplains to get a bill passed lowering their salaries through Congress, the former chaplain promises will be his main sensation. But there are other things that will make interesting reading if he makes good.

Commonwealth's Attorney Tilton asked the jury to direct a verdict of acquittal in the case. Dr. Jones thanked the jury for his acquittal.

SAID TO BE SHORT.

Husband Of Richmond Society Woman Arrested.

Richmond (Special).— H. P. Barber, manager of the Broad Street branch of the R. L. Barnes Safe and Lock Company, was arrested upon five charges of larceny. In lieu of bond the man was sent to jail. He is charged with having collected money for the company without reporting the collections to the office.

Barber was married in August to a Richmond society girl, since which time he has been living in an expensive apartment in Lee District and has entertained considerably.

The wife of the man, when she learned that her husband had been arrested upon such a charge, was completely prostrated. She declares that she will personally make good the loss as soon as possible.

HECHLER ACQUITTED.

Second Trial Henrico Candidate Results In Verdict Of Not Guilty.

Richmond.—The jury in the Henrico County Circuit Court rendered a verdict of not guilty against Henry C. Hechler, Democratic nominee for treasurer, who was indicted for alleged violation of the Barksdale pure election law. The case against Newton L. Gentry, Hechler's son-in-law, who stood indicted with him, was nolle prossed when the verdict of the jury in the case of Hechler was announced.

Hechler's nomination to the treasurership followed a bitter political fight in the county, Hechler having been removed from the office of treasurer last winter for alleged malfeasance. This was Hechler's second trial during the present year, and his friends assert that he has been persecuted by a political machine which has held power in the county for many years.

Boy Killed By Playmate.

Bristol (Special).—Henry O'Dell, the nine-year-old son of William O'Dell, was shot and killed here by a neighbor's boy of like age. The shooting was accidental. The lads were playing with a loaded pistol. The O'Dell boy's thigh was mangled, hemorrhage ensued, and he died a few minutes after the operation.

Damage In Trucking Belt.

Norfolk, Va. (Special).—The vast Norfolk County trucking belt had its first heavy frost Tuesday night, and the fall crops of grass pea, and Irish potato crops suffered greatly.

Wound Received In Fight Fatal.

Clifton Forge (Special).—C. A. May died at the Chesapeake and Ohio Hospital here from the effects of a knife wound received at the hands of John Turner, in a quarrel.

Convicted Of Selling To Minors.

Staunton (Special). — In the Corporation Court, A. Norton, proprietor of the Eskieton Hotel, was convicted of selling liquor to minors, and his license was revoked by Judge Holt. He was given thirty days to dispose of his stock.

Lineman Killed By Fall.

Norfolk (Special).—By the breaking of a cross arm of a telephone pole on which he was working, H. O. Duran, a lineman, fell to the pavement and was instantly killed here.

WOMAN SHOOTS HERSELF.

Fear of Surgical Operation Supposed Cause Of Suicide.

Roanoke (Special).— Mrs. Jacob Pawpaw, of Bonsacks, committed suicide by shooting herself in the head. Her husband, who was picking apples near the house, hearing the report of the gun, went to the house and found his wife lying on the floor dying, with the gun tightly clasped in her hand.

Mrs. Pawpaw had been in ill health for some time, and worried over the thought that she would have to go to a hospital to be operated on. She gave no intimation that she would kill herself. She was forty-five years of age.

RAILROAD TAX STANDS.

Virginia Corporation Commission Declines To Increase Assessment.

Richmond.—The State corporation commission has handed down its decision declining to grant the application of the attorney general of the State for an increase in the valuation of the railroads and other public real estate of the railroads operating in Virginia. The previous assessment stands.

The case came up in the commission about a month ago and was argued at some length in that court. Attorney General Anderson and Colonel Robert Catlett appearing for the State and Alfred P. Thom, Alexander Hamilton, Lucian H. Cocke, Henry Taylor, Henry T. Kirkham, and others appearing for the various roads.

JEALOUS LOVER SHOOTS.

W. R. Bolton Sends Bullet Into His Breast.

Charlottesville, Oct. 20.—W. R. Bolton, aged 24 years, of Roseland, Orange County, lies at the University Hospital in a critical condition from a bullet wound in his left breast.

Stung because the young lady upon whom he had lavished his affections left his company for that of another, young man, Bolton made an attempt at suicide in the girl's presence. When picked up after the shooting he said to his sweetheart:

"I tried to send it through my heart."

The young man was brought here by his father, who refuses to give his name to the young lady. She was so shocked that when she now ill at her home, at Variety Mills.

Spottsylvania Man A Suicide.

Fredericksburg (Special).—Robert Wilson, aged forty years, and unmarried, committed suicide at his home, where he lived alone, in Spottsylvania County, by shooting himself in the head with a double-barreled shotgun. He is survived by a number of relatives. The reason for the deed is unknown.

Farmer Gored To Death.

Leesburg (Special).—John F. Eidwell, aged ninety years, a well-known farmer and retired overseer, died here out of a pasture, was attacked by a number of them, mangled, trampled on, and gored to death. A wife and son survive him.

VIRGINIA OBITUARY.

Clifton Force.—Marshall Haynes, a brakeman on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, died suddenly in Hinton, of heart trouble. His home was in this city. He was twenty-two years old and unmarried.

West Point.—Mrs. Amanda Hirst Bell, relict of W. H. Bell, died at her country home in King William County. She was born in 1834 in Huntington. She married William H. Bell in 1854, and lived in Altoona, Pa., until 1872, when she came to King William County. Three children survive her.

Gordonsville.—Mrs. Robert L. Bruce died at her home, "Medlock," in the Locust Springs neighborhood, Louisa County.

VIRGINIA WEDDINGS.

Heathsville. — Miss Effie Edwards and Raymond Mothershead, of Washington, were married in Westmoreland.

West Point.—W. Taylor and Miss Sadie Willing, of Lancaster County, were married at West Point by Rev. C. V. Waugh, of the Baptist Church.

Fredericksburg.—James Cropp and Miss Queen Ellington, both of Stafford County, were married here at the rectory of Trinity Episcopal Church, Rev. D. H. H. Barber performing the ceremony.

E. Hayden Bozel, of this city, and Miss Madeline H. Reed, of Roseland, were married a few days ago in Brunswick, Texas, Rev. A. H. Burruss officiating. They will reside in Florida.

Petersburg.—Miss Rose Stephenson was married to William Waverly Owen, Grace Episcopal Church, Rev. C. B. Bryan, the rector, officiating. Miss Sanders Townes, brother of the groom, was best man, and Misses Elizabeth and Wilmer Harrison Stephenson, sisters of the bride, were maids of honor.

Clergyman Hurt In Fall.

Richmond (Special).—Rev. J. A. Givens, sixty-five years old, of Rome, Ga., a member of the house of deputies of the general Episcopal convention, fell while alighting from a street car, sustaining severe injuries.

Young Man Killed By Train.

Tazewell (Special). — Samuel Edwards, a young man of this place, was run over and instantly killed by a freight train, near Keystone, W. Va., while trying to cross a trestle.

New Bank At Harrisonburg.

Harrisonburg (Special).—The People's Bank of Harrisonburg has been successfully organized here by the election of the following officers: James E. Eshed, president; Thomas P. Beery, vice president; board of directors, James E. Eshed, Isaac N. Beery, J. Luther Hopkins, Albert P. Blue, Thomas P. Beery, Thomas J. Martin, E. X. Miller and J. N. Mohler. The minimum capital stock is to be $100,000, with a maximum of $250,000. Over $100,000 has been subscribed, and a charter will be applied for at once.

OIL TANKS EXPLODE.

Shock Causes Panic Among Spectators At Winchester.

Winchester (Special).—A fire, supposed by some to have originated from a gas jet in a adjoining workshop, destroyed 7,000 gallons of kerosene and gasoline belonging to Cooper Brothers, contained in eight large tanks near the Cumberland Valley Railroad freight depot.

During the conflagration several of the large tanks exploded, the top of one being hurled hundreds of feet into the air, landing about fifty yards away on a hillside. The shock of the explosion shook the entire town, and some of the spectators of the spectacular fire were slightly injured in the stampede for safety.

Cooper Brothers' loss will be $1,500. This company operates a branch of an independent oil concern.

ALL THE BISHOPS SIGNED IT.

Gov. Swanson Gets Handsomely Engrossed Resolutions.

Richmond (Special).— Governor Swanson received from the House of Bishops of the General Episcopal Convention an expression of its appreciation of his courtesy in extending the use of the hall of the House of Delegates for the use of that body in its house sent to the Governor a set of handsomely engrossed resolutions. Accompanying the document was the following letter from the secretary of the convention.

"The Governor stated that it it his intention to have the paper framed and to present it to the State of Virginia. So far as I known this is the only instance on record of any bishop of any Episcopal convention having appended his signature to one document."

POISON SENT BY RIVAL.

Jealousy Possible Motive Of Attempt On Poe's Life.

Richmond (Special). — Harvey L. Poe, the young society man who received a box of poisoned candy was sent on Friday, supposedly and in his opinion by a jealous rival, and who was made violently ill by eating the confection, has recovered in part from the effects of the strychnine the candy contained. It is now believed he will recover entirely.

The other young people, including several girls, who partook of the confection with Poe, have also recovered.

Poe steadfastly refuses to divulge the name of the man he believes guilty of the attempt on his life. He lies turned the matter over to the police, who are following every clue which has come into their possession. The police also are reticent about mentioning names, fearing, they say, that their quarry will evade capture if he should learn that he has been suspected.

It has been established that the candy was sent to Poe by mail. There were no marks on the package to indicate how it had been sent.

Poe admitted that he is engaged to be married to a sister girl Poe for whom by another man he believes to be responsible for the effort to get him out of the way. The admission was made only after Poe had been advised that the fact already was known to the police. He refrained, however, from mentioning the name of the young woman.

The effort on the attempt on his life will probably be to hasten his marriage to this girl.

Poe says that his sweetheart has many admirers, and that all possibility a jealous rival was responsible for the candy containing the strychnine.

MURDER SUSPECTED.

Believed Now Capt. C. W. Taylor Was Killed.

Charlottesville (Special).—Suspicious circumstances surround the recent cremation of Capt. C. W. Taylor, an old Union soldier, in his store near Proffit, a station on the Southern.

It is expected that at the inquest, to be held by Coroner Hall Harris, evidence will be forthcoming that the old man had had a quarrel and fight with a negro on the evening preceding his death, and that threats were made to even up matters in the near future.

Besides the charred bones found in the burned building was a pistol, which many believe to have come from the old man's hand or have been in his clothes when death overtook him. It is said in the neighborhood that it is customary for him to keep the firearm in or near his bureau. That the pistol was found beside his remains gives rise to the belief that he may have seized the weapon and been struck down as he emerged from his sleeping room. The body was found lying across the door sill.

There was a fracture of the skull and what looked like a blood clot on the head. It is believed that had the skull been crushed by a falling timber the brain itself would have shown some indentation.

There are whispers of another motive for the crime, if crime it was. It is said there is a woman in the case.

Gasoline Heater Fuel.

Norfolk (Special).—As a result of a series of experiments at the United States Geological Survey fuel-testing plant at the Jamestown Exposition to determine the relative fuel value of fuel products, it has been found that it takes one and a half gallons of denatured alcohol to produce as much power as a gallon of gasoline, although alcohol costs about twice as much as the gasoline.

Is Stabbed On A Dare.

Richmond (Special).—In an altercation in a railway construction camp at Drewry's Bluff, Jack Ferdenzo was twice stabbed through the lungs, once from the front and once from the rear, by Robert Sanders, who made his escape by crossing James River in a boat.

According to a statement from Sidney the two men were eating supper when Sanders flourished a knife, asking if he would dare him to cut out Sidney dared. After being struck the first time Sidney attempted to run, when he was cut in the

LATEST NEWS
BY TELEGRAPH

Domestic

The report of the committee on resolutions of the National Civic Federation urges Congress to provide a commission which shall consider the subject of business and trade-lerical combinations.

William J. Bryan declares that his decision as to his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President will not depend upon the choice of the Republicans.

A contract for 15,000 tons of steel rails is said to have been closed between the United States Steel Corporation and the Imperial Railway of Japan.

The New Jersey Board of Pardons commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of John E. Schuyler, of Camden, who murdered his wife.

Charged with having aided his wife to commit suicide last June, James Wardell was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree in New York.

Governor Stokes received the resignation of George A. Squire, of Elizabeth, president of the New Jersey Reformatory Commission.

Perry Belmont is in Europe for discussion at the Mohonk Conference.

A proposition for the development of water power at Niagara Falls, 600 at Millersoches, on the St. Lawrence, was laid before the International Waterways Commission for its approval by the De Forest Company, of Canada, and the Long Sault Development Company.

William Lepper, of Loraine, Wyo., was held to the grand jury as a result of a stock deal, shot Judge Charles W. Brannell, his counsel, and killed himself.

Four men were killed by the blowing up of a mining car on the Scranton Dynamite Company's factory, near Ashland, Wis.

Secretary Taft inspected the naval station at Olongapo and the fortifications. He will not leave Manila until November 1.

Various speakers before the Civic Federations in Chicago declared that commercial peace would be the only remedy for the trust evil.

The Mercantile-Horton Basket Machine Company, with a $750,000 plant at Fairfield, Ill., is in financial difficulties.

The Universalist General Convention opened in Philadelphia with 2,000 delegates present.

Bids for the construction of the proposed administration building of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, to cost about $200,000, were selected at a meeting of the executive committee of that institution, and new bids will be sought from the contractors. No reason was given for rejecting the bids.

A panic was prevented on Wall Street by concerted action of the big bankers, headed by Secretary Cortelyou deposited seven million dollars of government funds. John D. Rockefeller has arranged to loan large sums to various financial institutions in New York.

John R. Mercer, former president of the Kemmerer, Iron and Steel Company, of Kemmerer, Pa., and former president of the Scranton Board of Trade, was made defendant in a forgery case at Scranton, Pa., by Receiver, treasurer of the company.

Miss Helen M. Gould was present at the dedicatory services of the new Army Y. M. C. A. building at Fort Leavenworth, given to the soldiers by Miss Gould.

Charles S. Cameron, president of the Pittsburg and Tube City Railroad, committed suicide at his Allegheny countiemen, forfeited $12,000 when called for sentence.

Emperor William of Germany has presented Dunlop Frederick the Great and Field Marshal Count von Moltke to the United States Military Academy.

The German balloon Pommern is probably lost with all on board, and St. Louis, the French balloon Val-de-Fecamp, is missing for a second.

Francis M. Ironmonger, member of a prominent Virginia family, a Confederate, veteran, and for years of the New York representative of the Associated Railroads of Virginia, died in Brooklyn at the age of 78.

Robert S. Seymour, a Philadelphia millionaire, has bequeathed $5,000,000 to relatives and $750,000 for girls pattened after Girard College.

Dr. Sendler Cameron, of Stagville, N. C., has been appointed superintendent of the Farmers' National Company.

Mrs. Christopher Schubert, of Philadelphia, was killed by a hanging overboard while at sea.

Foreign

Justice Riddell, of Toronto, imposed a fine of $250 on the Canadian Central Railway for the explosion of a car of dynamite near Carleton on August 9, which resulted in the killing of 2 men and in serious injury to about 40 others.

The arrest of Ensign Charles Ulrich, of the French Navy, at Toulon, charged with being a spy, has been followed by the arrest of a military officer named Berton, charged with negotiations for the sale of military secrets.

Coops throughout Scotland have suffered damage within the past fortnight by excessive rains, the estimated extent of at least $15,000,000.

Builders and officers of the Mauretania, the new steamship, declare they are confident she will exceed in speed the Lusitania.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's oriental liner Empress of China sank at her dock at Kingston.

Emperor Francis Joseph's physicians announce that the aged monarch's health is excellent.

Cholera's ravages in Eastern Russia continue on a fearful scale, and at Kieff alone the Chinese have died 100 daily.

In the trial of the libel action of Count von Moltke against Maximilian Harden it was proposed that the court take steps to obtain from Emperor William a statement concerning the so-called camarilla.

King Alfonso of Spain will undergo an examination by a specialist in tuberculosis, from which disease his father died.

The fisheries case between Canada and the United States in respect to the Magdalen Islands will be submitted to The Hague Conference.

Mulai Hafid insists that has not declared a holy war against foreigners in Morocco, but against his brother, the Sultan Abd-el-Aziz.

Four hundred Chinese just landed at Santa Cruz, Mexico, made a murderous assault upon the crew of the English ship Grosiwich.

THE NEW SHIPS WILL BE WORLD BEATERS

Plans For the Next Additions to Our Navy.

GREAT SECRECY BEING OBSERVED.

They May Be of 25,000 Tons, but Will Carry Only the Present 12-inch Guns, the Efficiency of Which Was Proved by Recent Target Practice.

Washington (Special). — As was the case last year, when the plans for the 20,000-class Delaware battleships were sent to Congress under the injunctions of secrecy, the Navy Department is exercising itself to prevent the features of the plans for the great ships which it will ask the next session to authorize from gaining publicity.

Of course, it is realized that after the ship is afloat and in commission it is practically impossible to prevent knowledge of her essential features from reaching rival naval powers. But the fact that she is the largest battleship ever designed will be concealed for as long a time as possible. It is understood that the President will have no difficulty in securing the necessary legislation, for it is certain that they will be authorized by the next session, displacement, if, indeed, they do not reach the world-beating proportions of 25,000 tons.

DANGER IN PROSPERITY

President Roosevelt Issues His Thanks giving Proclamation.

Washington (Special).—In his annual Thanksgiving proclamation President Roosevelt embraces the opportunity to preach a little sermon to the American people on the dangers of ease and luxury. He fixed Thursday, November 28, as Thanksgiving Day.

The Thanksgiving proclamation is as follows:

"Once again the season of the year has come when, in accordance with the custom of our forefathers for generations past, the President appoints a day as the especial occasion for our people to return thanks to the Almighty.

"During the last year we have been free from famine, from pestilence, from war. We are at peace with all the world, and there is no excuse for any nation. We believe that in ability to develop and

BIG PROJECT COMPLETED.

Water Begins To Flow Through Illinois-Mississippi Canal.

Sterling, Ill. (Special).—At 2 P. M. T. J. Henderson touched a gate, which thereupon raised, permitting the water to flow through the Illinois-Mississippi Canal. This marked the completion of the work on the $7,500,000 government undertaking which was started by Mr. Henderson 22 years ago. Congressman Caldwell, Lowden and Lorimer and United States Senator Hopkins, Governor Deneen and other prominent men were present and made addresses. The opening of the gate was witnessed by hundreds of people, many of whom came long distances. A parade preceded the ceremonies.

PLANNING FOR A STRONGER NAVY

Cabinet at First Meeting Considers Estimates.

PAY FOR MORE BLUEJACKETS.

Secretary Metcalf Would Increase by $5,000,000 the Standing Appropriation for the Payment of Enlisted Men—Would Ask Special Recruiting of 3,000 Additional Sailors.

Washington (Special). — Naval matters occupied the attention of the Cabinet during an extraordinary session at the Cabinet meeting Secretary Metcalf presented his recommendation for an increase by $5,000,000 the standing appropriation for the payment of enlisted men in the Navy.

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TERRIBLE HAVOC BY EARTHQUAKE

Entire Villages in Calabria Are Destroyed.

AN ANCIENT TOWER TUMBLES.

The Cathedral at Toure di Gerace Falls —Torrential Rains Follow Shocks —Many Persons Buried in Ruins of Their Dwellings—The Residents of Many Towns Are Panic-stricken.

Rome (By Cable).—The details received here regarding the earthquake in Calabria in every way tend to show that the damage done was much more extended than at first estimated, but that the loss of life has not been great. The latest estimates place the number of killed at about 20 and the highest at about 120, but there is nothing to show that the last figures mentioned are correct. Nothing definite will be known on the subject until the ruins are cleared away.

Signor Giolotti conferred with King Victor Emmanuel on the disaster, and it was reported later that His Majesty would go to the stricken districts if any fresh shocks occurred.

Details of the earthquake show that the shocks were severely felt even in the southern end of the Calabrian Peninsula, but throughout Calabria there were scenes of desolation and despair.

First Shock Terrific.

The first shock was a tremendous one. It lasted fully fifteen seconds, and was followed by two other shocks of longer duration, which entirely destroyed two towns and reduced many houses in several others to ruins.

The first shock fortunately brought the entire population of the villages into the open, thereby preventing in the making their escape to the hills and open plains. The exception to the smallness of the list of fatalities.

The cathedral at Toure di Gerace, which was built in the ruins of Locri Epizephyrii, the once celebrated colony of the Locrians, was thrown down, as was also an ancient tower which had withstood all the Calabrian earthquakes for centuries past.

Half the houses of the villages of Gerace are in ruins, and similar conditions prevail in a number of other points in Calabria.

During the confusion caused by the first earthquake, when views were reflected by Secretary Metcalf, held that a width of 100 feet in the channel would be sufficient to meet all naval needs within the next two decades, but it appears that another element believes that the locks should prove too narrow for a century or 10 years. The President decided to wait a few months before the canal commission upon this important subject.

Secretary Metcalf also has before him the report of the Naval General Board, which has been at work upon the new construction required in the next few years. The plans of these were touched upon incident to the conference at the white house of canal locks. Not only the Naval General Board, but the Board on Construction, headed by Admiral Capps, Chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, and the Secretary of the Navy himself must inspect and approve the final report. Then the matter of the size of ships in course of construction before the President will be taken up, and the question upon which to base his own recommendations to Congress.

It is pointed out that, by reason of the fact that he has not yet expressed the opinion that one new ship would be all that could conveniently be authorized at this Congress, the President has somewhat embarrassed himself, but as several of the battleships, which the next year supposed to be perfectly serviceable, they can be constructed expectedly been shown to be of obsolete type, it is not considered that the President will have any difficulty in securing the necessary legislation for amending the original estimates. It is also quite certain that no less than two and probably three battleships in addition to the one already provided for will be recommended in the estimates.

WASHINGTON

The report of the board of inquiry in the case of the grounding of the battleship Kearsarge on Diamond Point, fully exonerates from blame Captain Sigsbee and his commander.

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KINDRED.

By Abbie Farwell Brown.

I wander through the woodland ways,
And not a whisper stirs the trees,
No shudder in the leaves, betrays
The quivering life around.

And yet I feel the kindred near
Is every ambushed shade,
From tree and grass they peep and peer,
Half friendly, half afraid.

I bend above the magic tide;
But veiled in beryl light
The countless ocean-creatures hide,
With crystal eyes and bright.

The rainbow shapes glide to and fro,
Or gaze in still surprise;
The wonder-kin I do not know
Yet feel their curious eyes

Above, the starry mystery,
With teeming space bereft
I feel its wonders close to me
In presences unseen.

As in a childish game, I stand
Blindfolded and alone,
And all around me, hand to hand
To kindred all unknown.

Bewildered in the living space
With wistful arms I grope;
Thrilled by a breath upon my face,
A shadow—and a hope.

—Youth's Companion.

The Lonesome Dog

BY JESSIE WRIGHT WHITCOMB

A good, kind dog found himself all alone in the world. He was hungry and thirsty and lonesome, and thought he would see if he could better his fortunes.

As he trotted through the streets of a town he smelled a fine smell.

"That means something for me at last," he thought, and traced the smell to a meat shop. The screen door was shut, but he waited patiently until some one went in and he followed close behind.

A most excellent smell! He nosed along up close to the counter. With grateful heart he waited for his share. It fell and he snapped it up. No sooner had he done so than the butcher saw him, and, for the sake of his own customers and they all shunted at him and jumped at him and hustled him out of the shop, bereft of his meat and ashamed.

"My sakes," he said to himself, as he ran down the street with his tail and his legs, "I have learned one lesson never to go into a place that smells as good as that again!"

When he could run no more, panting with the heat, and with his tongue hanging out of his mouth, he looked for a place to rest. He had reached a large, open space of ground with vines on the porch, and with a cool, shady place under the trousers. A tailor says many young married women come to him to learn how to fold and put away their husband's clothes when they are to go on their vacations.—New York Press.

Way to Choose Partners.

At an evening party given to announce the engagement of a young woman, the partners for refreshments were chosen in this way: The hostess gave to each girl a picture postcard cut in some form. The selections had been made from a collection of penny pictures, and some were post cards. As the men and the same pictures were given, but cut in two, the halves being separated on a card. Of course they had to hunt for a girl who had the duplicate of their partial picture. This was much merrimint and consumed considerable time, and was a very successful method of mixing the company and broke up all intimate gatherings of those who knew best acquaintance.—Indianapolis News.

Again the Spike-Toed Shoe.

A return to the pointed-toe shoe for women's wear is indicated in the samples of fall styles now on exhibition. The extreme width and length of the fad for "mannish" and commonsense shoes which followed the passing of the "needle point" long-toed footwear has retained a sharper toe than men's. It never lost the high heel.

But will the sex accept again a style which has been derided for its unfeminine uselessness to recommend it, which was the direct aim of the chiropodist and the surgeon? Many of the girls who once cramped their toes in the shoes have since been getting and playing tennis. Many more are now in course which make for the wearing of tight shoes a risk of comfort and of efficiency which they will hesitate to run.

A new style in shoes is not so momentous a matter as a new style in hats. Shoemakers do not speak with the authority of milliners and dressmakers.—Editorial in the New York World.

Second Wives and Husbands.

That a second wife fares better than one first wedded has become an axiom, the truth of which has been, and no doubt will continue to be, amply confirmed by observation. How a second marriage can be successful in any moral and physical interest on the one side accompanied by a narrowing on the other, how the same features of existence wholly incidental to and in accord with the immutable laws of nature. How often it happens in these days of women's exchange that, to the most kindly observer or even friend, the first seems vastly superior in all respects to the second companion, despite the abrupt change of attitude on the part of him most concerned from indifference or cruelty towards the former to patient devotion to her presumably fortunate successor!

The greed of man in the possession of woman has been manifest from the beginning. Adam undoubtedly would have taken more wives could he have spared more ribs; and, despite his subsequent exemplary life, barring an excusable tendency after service so strenuous to linger too long with the wine, it is quite improbable that Noah lived as a recluse during those five hundred long years before he begat our ancestral Shem, Ham and Japheth. Even the canny Jacob, after being tricked by the no less crafty Laban, doubtless in most return for swindling his gullelent brother, was unwilling to part with Leah, and put his hands to the plow for seven more long years to get Rachel. Apparently there was little difference in attractiveness between the two sisters. The "tender eyes" of the elder surely must have counterbalanced the beauty of the younger; moreover, Leah saddened her husband's heart with many lusty children long before Rachel placed in his arms the little Joseph, who subsequently engaged in predatory activities that in these days would clearly fall within the provisions of the Interstate Commerce act and subjecting a stern critic to charges of possessing a swollen fortune. Nevertheless, when Jacob lifted up his eyes, in conformity with his characteristic habit, and beheld the redheaded Esau approaching with four hundred stalwart retainers, he promptly stationed the patient Leah and her children on the firing-line and secluded Rachel and the future young corn monopolist in the rear-most tent in the rear. We readily perceive, therefore, as previously stated, that from the very beginning and for no apparent reason the second wife was unduly preferred, and so the custom has maintained even to these regretable days.

Further analysis of the causes of this conniving discrimination might prove interesting, but could hardly serve any useful purpose; so we may as well place the burden upon the authority of Biblical tradition and leave to those less happily upon the modern usage, which virtually forbids one to divorce more than one partner without encountering forbidding glances from scrupulous high society of the present day. Since the Puritanic dictates that, having made one's bed, one must lie in it, has proven too restrictive for twentieth century requirements, it is comforting to reflect that observance of obligations to a second spouse may be maintained to avert the ban of social ostracism.

Let us hope that happens to the second husband? To him no truism has been applied, and in no manner has his case discussed. Is he, too, regarded more kindly than his predecessor, or, as is probably more significant as that of a bridegroom on his wedding-day? Upon this point no data seem to exist, nor have we been able by the most diligent inquiry to extract any worthy information from those best qualified to testify. We can only hope that the contentment of the query may bring forth evidence of fact similar in quantity and quality to that which has afforded us so much enlightenment respecting the true sphere of living American spinsters.—George Harvey, in The North American Review.

Tiny blossoms are very popular on the new hats.

Trimmings, like spices, should be used sparingly.

Flowered linen sacques bound with velvet are the newest French wrap.

There is a growing fashion for mousquetaire sleeve will be in high favor.

The colors for the business tailored suit should be chosen from the darker shades.

For the house, and indeed for the street, too, nothing makes a most satisfactory gown.

Allover lace for hat facings is a fashionable note, and a vogue for dress had the coming season.

The plain coat with the pleated, tight or circular skirt is one of the best ground fashions.

Tight sitting little bows can always be found in colors to match the predominating tint in one's costume.

The only transition from the use or wearing of deepest mourning are crepes, stitching and mourning silks.

Some of the newest garments are made with bewitching little puffs above the elbows and cuffs fastening at just below.

Plaids and wide stripes never did suit the average woman's style in readiness or grace, but are vastly fashioned into graceful skirts.

Not only hats and gowns are trimmed with cretonne and parasols and waistcoats made of it, but entire coats and capes have been produced in it.

One of the leaders of the American contingent abroad appeared at a reception in a gown made of cretonne printed with tall birds, palm leaves and tropical foliage.

A Warm Bath.

A young man went into a restaurant and ordered roast beef and coffee and rolls. In a few minutes a trim little waitress tripped up with the order. As she turned to leave the young man discovered that the roast was about as cold as a refrigerator.

"I don't care for cold beef," he said. "I should like to have it hot."

The young woman took the plate, and going to the dumb waiter shaft shouted down: "Hortense, I want this meat hot; pour some warm gravy on it!"—Harper's Weekly.

Woman's Realm

A Missing Auto-Part.

By W. J. LAMPTON.

The New York man, who likes to run his auto into the remote parts of the world, had got away over into one of the rear counties of Jersey. On a road which showed no signs of ever having been plowed by a scorcher, he came to a small wayside joint devoted to the entertainment of man and beast. He went in to get a little, and when he came out an excellent specimen of the rural Jersey-man was inspecting the car with the greatest interest.

"What in hominy is the blame thing?" inquired the curious Jerseyman as the New Yorker approached.

"Don't you know?" laughed the New Yorker pleasantly.

"Well, I thought it might be a new-fangled thrashin'-machine, but it's got too much furniture-polish an' brass works on it for that."

"Didn't you ever see one before?"

"No. They don't use 'em round here."

"Haven't you ever been to New York?"

"Gee, no! What do I want to go there for? Plenty doin' round here to keep me busy."

The man kept nosing around the car during his talk, and was becoming more curious. The New Yorker was letting him have his head. He thought there might be some interesting developments.

"Can't you guess what is it?" he inquired after a minute.

"I never was much on guessin'. What in hominy is it?"

"It's an automobile."

"Oh, is that so? I never seen one, but I've heered of 'em. What kind of a one is it?"

The Jerseyman began to show signs of knowledge. He was one of the kind who make a little go a long way.

"Well," replied the New Yorker, bound to give him the right kind of a hard and in quantities to suit, "it is a six-cylindered compound, double-opposed motor, multiple disk-clutch, planetary transmission, removable tonneau, water-cooled car of the latest design."

"Is that so?" said the Jerseyman, walking around it carefully and inspecting it like an old connoisseur. "How much does one of them stand?"

"Oh, five or six thousand dollars."

"Jiminchrister! that much money down?"

"Yes; and more, sometimes."

The Jerseyman walked all around it very slowly, making a close scrutiny.

"There's only one thing I don't exactly ketch," he said, shaking his head.

"What's that?" inquired the New Yorker, always ready to inform.

"Well, I don't see where the chicken you hitch the hosses to the blame thing."

Then it became up to the New Yorker.—From Judge.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Most books worth reading once are worth reading twice.—J. Morley.

Be pitiful, for every man is fighting a hard battle.—Woman's Life.

He who makes constant complaints gets little compassion.—Home Notes.

The golden rule of Christ will bring the golden age to man.—Frances Willard.

The best woman is the woman who is the least talked about.—Old Proverb.

It is love that makes time pass, and it is time that makes love pass.—Old Proverb.

The unjust, however, get something they had not relied upon.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Not education, but character, is man's greatest need and man's greatest safeguard.—Woman's Life.

There is always the sunshine, only we must do our part, we must let some into it.—Clara Louise Burnham.

There is nothing that subdues an enemy and converts him into a friend like treating him kindly.—Home Notes.

Our life is but the childhood of our eternity, the school days of preparatory for the mansion of the future.—Canon Farrar.

To believe, not because we were learned and can prove, but because there is a something in us, even God's own spirit, which makes us walk more as light and truth as truth—this is the blessed faith.—F. W. Robertson.

Some earnest enthusiasm of life is the effectual cure of all disquiet. There will always be something to do and troubles for those who are at leisure to attend to them; nor can we be rescued from these except by interest and pursuits that take us out of their region.—J. H. Thom.

You must love in order to understand love. One act of charity will teach us more of the love of God than a thousand sermons. One act of unselfishness, of real self-denial, will tell us more of the holiness of the Epiphany than whole volumes on theology.—F. W. Robertson.

How the Judge Viewed It.

Even a judge on the bench likes his joke.

A man whose name is Waters was arraigned in a Hillville court on a charge of assault and battery.

"What did you do to him," asked the judge, "to make him assault you?"

"We wuz at dinner," was the reply, "an' we got into a dispute, an' I did wuz put him side the head with a corndodger, an' a week afterward he come back an' beat me up blameful!"

"Well," said the judge, "you know what the Scripture says: 'Bread cast upon the waters will return to you after many days!' "—Atlanta Constitution.

The Only Reason.

"And dear old Mrs. ——, your aunt! She must be rather feeble now. Tell me, how is she?"

"Hurtled her yesterday," said the Major.

"Hurled her? Dear me, dear me! Is the good old lady dead?"

"Yes, that's why we buried her" said the Major.—Argonaut.

A Quaint and Curious

Arabi Pasha was called a white elephant on the hands of General Wolseley.

Whether whales and dolphins ever sleep, observation so far has been unable to discover.

New York City's subways are now carrying eighty thousand more passengers daily than they did one year ago.

In fourteen apartment houses in the upper west side of Manhattan Island there are fifty-six dogs and eleven children.

The appraised value of goods pass